THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Eastern Region has donated condemned and unserviceable pipes to the State and District Administration Authorities for construction of bridges and other infrastructure in Upper Assam area from time to time. This is a part of ONGC's effort towards Socio Economic Development of the area, based on the requests received from these authorities from time to time ONGC have informed that no specific guidelines have been framed to provide these for MPLAD scheme in the region. In addition, ONGC has also been using such condemned and unserviceable pipes for construction of bridges as a part of its operational requirement in the Upper Assam area.

Absorption in increase in oil prices

711. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for absorbing small increases in oil prices by the oil companies instead of passing these on to consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of oil companies to such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) With the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism the pricing of all petroleum products, except for PDS kerosene and domestic LPG, has been decontrolled and the oil companies are fixing the prices of these products.

Mechanism for revision of oil prices

712. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the dismantling of administered pricing mechanism in petroleum sector, periodic revision of the prices of petrol and diesel has become the order of the day;

(b) if so, the details of the revisions made since the APM was dismantled; and

(c) whether any mechanism has been evolved to ensure that the oil companies and petrol pump owners do not fleece their customers; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) With the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism, the public sector oil companies are fixing the prices of petrol and diesel after taking into account the prevalent international oil prices. Considering the increase in the international prices, the oil companies increased the prices of petrol and diesel by around Rs. 2.50/litre and Rs. 1.50/litre respectively from 4th June, 2002 and later by around Rs. 0.25/litre for each product from 16th June, 2002.

The public sector oil companies have been advised to publicise through media, any changes in the prices of petrol and diesel, for the awareness of the consumers.

Petrol pumps on public land

†713. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pumps belonging to various companies which have been installed at public land in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that 90 per cent dealers have made illegal occupancy on more land than allotted one;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the area of land under illegal occupancy of the petrol pumps, indicating the names of petrol pumps and the purposes for which the illegal land is being utilized; and

(e) by when Government propose to remove such illegal occupancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) As on 30.6.2002,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.